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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Application No. 09/671,283 Confirmation No. 6590  
Applicant John A. GIORDANO et al.  
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TC/Art Unit 1617  
Examiner Shengjun Wang  
  
Docket No. 48508-00004  
Customer No. 23767

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated 13 August 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claim 1,14-20, 22-30, 36-38, 41 and 117-136.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1.  A petition for One month extension of time (Charge to Deposit Account).
2.  Notice of Appeal Fee \$165.00.

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Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)

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In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1067, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice not already accounted for.

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